condemned all acts, methods,and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious, or any other purported causes that may be invoked to justify them. India and the United States have also agreed to co-operate on India's proposal in the United Nations for a comprehensive convention on all forms of international terrorism.

US proposals to bring about closer relationship between India and Pakistan

2946. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to New Delhi and stopover in Islamabad, the US President had discussed any specific-proposals purported to bring about closer relationship between India and Pakistan.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) ; (a) During his visit to India and stopover in Islamabad, the US President expressed hope for resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan.

(b) The US President reiterated that the US does not seek to mediate between India and Pakistan He outlined the US position urging restraint, respect for the Line of Control, refraining from violence **and** for renewed lines of communication. He also stated that Pakistan must help create conditions for a bilateral dialogue to succeed.

(c) The Government has always been committed to resolving its differences with neighbours through peaceful bilateral dialogue in an atmosphere free from the threat of force and violence.

Clinton's views on South Asia

2947 SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at one point of time US President Clinton described that South Asia as the most dangerous place in the world;